Howland Wood - Curatorial

Cederlund, Ragnar
[Numismatist,
Winnetka, IL]

1930-1937

548. Providence av
Winnetka. Ill
Dec. 18-1930

M. Howland Wood
New York.

Dear Sir

I am taken the pivilege in sending you rubbings of three coins that I would appreciate very much to have your opinion about.

The Mex 8. R I am holding on approval from a dealer who claims it to be a counter-stmp issue from the Mex. Revolution period 1810-24 and maybe a count-stmp for Morelos. I do not know what to believe I have the book El Duro by Herrera but no such count-stmp in there.

The Colombia 5 centavo I bought from a dealer in Boston a couple of months ago Mr. E.J. Lillie in Seattle has a pinelair coin with same count-stmp.

Wounder if it could belong to Bogota?

The Annam bronze coin I just wounder if description of same is right as on envelope?

Thanking your favor
I am yours respectfully
Ragnar Ederlund

member of A.N.A & Chicago C.C.

Dec. 24,1930

Mr. Ragnar Cederlund
548 Provident Ave
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I have never seen the oval counter-stamp with what appears to be M S. However, it looks good to me. It might be foreMorelos, but I doubt it as I see no reason why there should be any more counter-stamps for him than there is already. Neither have I seen before the counter-stamp E T on modern Colombian coins. I would not put this down as a government but as a private stamp for some hacienda or contractor. There are many of these known for Venezuela; there is no reason why the same could not have been in vogue in Colombia.

Your Annam bronze coin is fairly scarce, but unfortunately counterfeited. Most of those with the bright green patination are fakes. As near as I can ascertain, it was given by the ruler as a medal.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

CAROLUS · IIII ·
DC
DEI · GRATIA · 1804

HISPAN · ET IND · REX · M · 8 R · I · H ·

Winnetka July 25th 1931

Mr. Howland Wood
New York.

Dear Sir.

Pardon me for pesting you so often with questions and informations.
Spink & Son Ltd sendt me on approval a C. stmp. coin
like enclosed rubbing.
They just describe it. Mex. 8 R. 1804 C. stmp DC and a Flower.
RRR. £8.--

Do you know this C. stmp? and who issued it?

Thanking you very much for favor
I am yours very truly
Ragnar Cederlund.

July 29, 1931.

Mr. Ragnar Cederlund
548 Provident Ave.
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your counter stamp is absolutely new to me. It strikes me that it has a semi-official flavor. I do not think is is West Indies - I would hazard a guess that it belongs to the Scotch mill series. For an unknown stamp, I think Spink wants too much for it. If it could be attributed to one of the Scotch mills, the price is reasonable.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

June 20, 1935.

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

We are preparing a monograph on Mexican coins - Dr. Pradeau of Los Angeles is writing it. I am now taking up with him the coinage of the revolutionary period between 1811 and 1821. We have attributed a large number of the counterstamps that have heretofore been unassigned and have discovered a few new ones. Have you any of these counterstamps that you have not been able to place. If so, could you send us rubbings and later, if we want them, could we photograph your pieces.

Sometime ago you sent us a coin with a script M and an S in an oval. This was done by Don Manuel Salcedo, Governor of the Province of Texas in 1816.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

June 26, 1935.

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Cederlund:

Many thanks for your kind letter. You certainly have done good work and I am sending the whole business on to Pradeau to work over as he now has the manuscript. I can give you little help on your rubbings. They are most interesting. The one of Morellos in an oblong is fine. The S:R$^{S}$ may be for 5 reals. The stC possibly is for St. Christopher.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

July 10, 1935.

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

Many thanks for the little token for 1½ mills. This is the first one of these I have seen. A year or so ago we had some sent us from certain towns like Rock Island etc. in Illinois. We have also got some from the State of Washington. I think it would be interesting to start a collection of these. I presume this is for the sales tax. Do these come in any other denominations and just what is the tax, on what amount does it begin etc.? Just what does Retailer's Occupation Token mean? Our New York tax up to 13¢ is free, from 13¢ to 63¢ - 1¢, from 63¢ to $1.13 - 2¢ and so on up in jumps of 50¢. Consequently we do not have to use anything smaller than a one cent piece.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Winnetka July 14-35

Dear Mr. Wood.

I'll try my best to answer your questions in regards to the tax or Retailers Occupation token that I sent you. On July 1st the 3 per cent sales tax went into effect. and two days later the sales tax token come in circulation. Each token is good for the Retailers Occupational tax on a 5 cent purchase. Only one denomination has been struck. this State token represents 1½ mills, wich in terms of the usual currency system of the country is $ .0015 or .15 of a cent. The dealer buys the tokens from the State department of finance at their face values, the delivery being made to him in packages of 40 tokens for wich he will pay 6 cent a roll. Here is how! the system works.
A customer buys for exmpel a 25 cent article, the tax on that article would be .75 of a cent. or five tokens. If the customer hasn't the tokens, he will hand over a cent to cover the tax, and will receive back one token. wich is as near as the Merchant will find possible to the

"change" of 2½ mills. If the retailers and particularly the five and ten cent stores, go in for punctiliousness, the customer will pay 6 cent for a nickel article and will receive back in "change" five tokens. If he ~~buys~~ pays 11 cent for a 10 cent article, he will get back four tokens. Or the customer may buy 20 tokens for 3 cents and save all those odd twentieths for a cent.

Restaurants and many retail stores have refused to use the tokens, they use a bracket system, sim: to system used in New York. Tax on purchases from 1 to 14 cents, free, on higher amounts the buyer pays as follows: 15 to 50 cents, 1 cent tax. 50 to 83. 2 cent tax 84 to $1.16. 3 cent tax. $1.17 to $1.50. 4 cent tax and a similar scale prevails in the higher price ranges.

As a continue of above written, read enclosed news paper clippings, and so soon as the (square) new ones comes in circulation I'll send you one of them.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1935

# TAX TOKENS UP TO CUMMINGS

Legality of the use of metal tokens for paying the 3-cent retailers' tax will be decided by Attorney General Cummings, it was announced yesterday by United States Attorney Michael L. Igoe.

After conferring with Robert M. Stowess, state department of finance supervisor for the Chicago district, Mr. Igoe last Wednesday forwarded a complete report of the token plan to the Attorney General, requesting an opinion.

He pointed out that the system may be illegal if the tokens can be used in making purchases.



# HALT SALES TAX TOKEN MAKING; MILLION ISSUED

Manufacture of sales tax tokens was halted yesterday by Knowlton L. Ames, state director of finance, pending agreement with Washington authorities as to a satisfactory form for the tokens.

Less than 1,000,000 of the 5,000,000 one and one-half mill disks ordered have been issued.

While these are said to have the approval of the other federal government departments concerned, officials of the Treasury are understood to prefer that a hole be punched through the center, or that the tokens be made oblong in shape, so that they cannot be confused with coins.

The government has no objection, it was made clear, to the use of tokens in collecting the sales tax. The only question is to the form of the tokens.

Since the states of Illinois and Washington are both using tokens for the collection of sales taxes, and several other states are contemplating their use, it is expected that the government will adopt a definite policy as to an approved shape for tokens.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1935

# STATE TO USE SQUARE TOKEN FOR SALES TAX

## U. S. Objection Stops Round Ones; Horner Signs Bill Authorizing Use.

Illinois is going to have tokens to pay its sales tax—and they're going to be square-shaped.

The first part became assured yesterday when Governor Horner at Springfield signed the Loughran bill, authorizing use of the tokens. The law became effective at once.

The second part was predicted after Department of Justice officials notified United States Attorney Michael Igoe from Washington that Neil Jacobi, legal adviser to the Illinois department of finance, had agreed to quit coining the present tokens.

The abandoned disks might be confused with federally coined dimes, and thus would be illegal, it was explained.

The tokens, to be coined in mills, will be used principally in making change for sales tax payments.

Since last when I wrote you I have added a few more coins to my collection, among [illegible] was a Mex. 8.R C. Stmp & CM but it also has later been C. Stmp for Portugal. I am enclosing rubbing. I am also enclosing 7 other C. Stmp coins (with return postage for same) and if you can [illegible] one in placing any of this counter marks where the belong I'll be very much obliged to you. There is an Argentine coin with kind of puzzles me. It is not mentioned anywhere in [illegible] and looks over coins of Argentine I wounder if this coin is a necessity or Revolution coin or a plain fake? It's a cast 2.R. C. Stmp in a circle FIDELIDAD. and scales of justice. Do you know if this C. Stmp belongs to Argentine? as in the Peltzer sale 1927 in London Lot 703 was a sim: C. Stmp 2R of La Rioja. It was only in fair condition and sold for £13.

Two. Mex. 2R. with probably belongs to W. Indies?

1.1/17 Am. cent C. Stmp with a [redacted] rosace

Without question the A.N.S. has one rectangular silver onza 1843 from Mozambique. take a look at that onza and compare the rosace (C. Stmp) on that coin with The ones on this cent.

A Turkey copp coin C. Stmp P+M. and a Julich & Berg

by Reuben C. Stump?

Yours very truly
Ragnar Cedercrantz.

Jenny Lind

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

July 16 - 35

Dear Mr. Wood

Monday I sent my sister to the postoffice to mail a reg. letter to you. I gave her instruction to enclose return postage in the letter and tonight at dinner I asked her how much it cost, and then she told me the st, that she only enclosed 12 cent and forgot the 15 cent for registsation.

Enclosed you'll find the rest for return postage.

Yours sincerely
R. Cederlund

July 18, 1935.

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Cederlund:

Many thanks for sending on the information about the Occupational Tax Tokens. I would be very glad to get one of the square pieces when they come out. As regards the coins that you sent on I am afraid I can help you very little. The rubbing of the LCM piece with the additional Portuguese arms I am glad to have. This latter counterstamp was put on by the Act of 1835 to make these coins current, as you state, in Portugal.

The silver piece of 1848 of Argentina is a very puzzling thing. I can find no mention of it anywhere and we have Taullerd's book on Argentine coins as well as the three large books by Rosa. I am inclined to think that the center part on both sides is not from the same die as the lettering around the edge. To begin with it possesses a different form of striking and also if the whole thing was one die they would have had the shield on one side centered with the inscription and the wreath design on the other side centered also. As near as I can find out there was nothing especial happening in 1848 to cause an emergency issue. The more I look at it the more I am inclined to think the piece is a fake, especially because the country is spelled "Argentine" and no Spaniard would spell it thus. It would always be Argentina. Whether good or bad, the piece is interesting.

The cent with the four stars on to my way of thinking cannot be fastened to Mozambique. A close examination of the Mozambique stars shows they are in six groups of double rays or twelve rays in all. The stamp on the cent has only nine points. I am enclosing a rubbing of a Spanish dollar with the same stamps. I have never been able to attribute the piece.

Turkish copper coins now and then come with crude counterstamps, generally in Greek letters. The PM on your coin could be in Greek PM. These were applied years ago by various villages in Turkey whose inhabitants were largely Greeks. We have a number of these.

The Julich copper was a puzzle to me until I made a wax impression of the counter-stamp. Then on the bottom line I could read the word "Coblenz". The top line seems to be Tauma. The punch has apparently been made smaller after the letters were put on so that most of the letters are slightly erased on the outer edges. I do not consider this stamp in any way official.

The other three pieces I give up! I have never seen them before, although the Spanish silver of 1784 has a stamp something like that assigned to the Island of Sumanep near Java. Most of these stamps come decidedly smaller, although we do have one very nearly like yours.

Your second letter just at hand enclosing the 15¢ in stamps. You need not have done this.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG Curator

Jenny Lind

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Sept. 5th. 1935.

Dear Mr. Woods.

Enclosed you'll find two of our new square Salestax tokens also newspaper clipping explaining how they are used.

Yours sincerely
R. Cederlund.

September 11, 1935.

Mr. R. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

Many thanks for the new sales tax tokens. From now on I suppose we will be getting various ones from the different States.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

October 9, 1935.

Mr. Reynar L. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

As you are interested in counterstamped pieces I am herewith sending you a little note I made, published in the British Numismatic Chronicle.

Very truly yours,

H.F:JG

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Oct 12 - 1935

M. Haviland Wood
New York.

Dear M. Wood:-

I want to thank you for sending me your note on the c. stamp. coins for Ionian Island. It sure was of interest to me even as I have none of those coins in my collection.

I have another very rare copper coin of interest, which is also counterstamped for the Island of Zante by the French in 1797 or 98. At the Treaty of Campo Formio signed the 17 of oct 1797 France received among other provinces also the Ionian Islands, so the counterstamping must have been done in years as mentioned above, because as I understand it the Ionian Islands was under Russian protection during the years 1799-1807.

I am enclosing a rubbing of this coin, the coin itself is an old Venician copper and is count. Stamp N.I obv. S.MO ZANT.

Yours Sincerely
Ragnar Cederlund

October 16, 1935.

Mr. Ragnar Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Cederlund:

The copper piece of which you send a rubbing is absolutely new to me. I do not remember ever having seen it published. Have you any idea what the MI stands for. Napoleon at that time was not Emperor and I cannot think of any coin denomination beginning with M.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Oct 20-30

Mr. Howland Wood
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

In regards to the Zante? copper coin of wich I sent you a rubbing. I always was under the impression that the N.I stod for Napoleon I. but now since you remind me of that Napoleon was not Emperor at that time. I am probably all wrong and so is Schulman who realy has attributed this coin and sold it to George Brown of Chicago. When I bought his collection a couple of years ago. I remember them. how he pointed out this coin to me as a very rare coin. I have never investigated since it come in my collection, if the attribution ~~is~~ right or wrong, but now I am very much interested to find out what is what. probably when it comes down to brass tacks, the coin don't belong to Jonian Island at all.

yours sincerely
Ragnar Cederlund.

October 23, 1935.

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund
548 Provident Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

I see no reason why your coin could not have been countermarked for Zante but of course it cannot be for the late Schulman sold it for. I am a little surprised that he so attributed it because he is rather keen on history. He like most all dealers has to put an attribution on coins in order to sell them and at times has displayed a little more imagination than sticking to facts. I am now going through again Prudeau's article on Mexican coins. I note a number of photographs of your coins. Unfortunately his photographs were not too good and I would like to ask a favor of you, if you could send later some of these pieces so we could rephotograph them here? I will let you know when I get around to it just what ones I might need.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 4, 1937

Mr. Ragnar S. Cederlund,
548 Provident Avenue,
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

After a long delay we are getting the illustrations in shape for Pradeau's article. Some time ago you sent me various photographs of coins from your collection. Some of them were not overclear. I was wondering if you could send these coins on as Professor Robertson is a shark at this and can sometimes get them clearer than the coin. I am enclosing those that we would like to do over.

With the compliments of the season, I remain

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

From.
R. Cederlund.
548 Providence Ave
Winnetka. Ill.

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JAN 30 1932

Mr. Howland. Wood.
% Am. Numis. Society.
Broadway. Between
155th & 156th. street.
New. York. N.Y.

January 11, 1937

Mr. R. Cederlund,
548 ProvidentaAve.,
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

Your package containing the Mexican [illegible] to be photographed reached me today. I will have these done as soon as possible and return them to you. I wish to thank you for your promptness in sending these on.

Since I wrote you the other day, the thought occurred to me that if you had anything else in the Mexican series that you think is rare or unique, that we ought to illustrate.

I am herewith enclosing 20¢ in stamps.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Jan 12 1936

M. Lovland Hood
New York.

Dear M. Hood.

Last saturday, Jan 9th I sent you by insured parcel post those coins you wanted to rephoto for illustrations of Pradeau's paper. I am not in any particular hurry to have them back again, so keep them so long as needed.

very truly yours
R. Cederlund.

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Jan 16–37.

Mr Howland Wood
The Am. Numis Society
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:—

Thanks for your letter of Jan 14th stating that my coins arrived OK. As I do not remember which coins and rubbings it was that I sent to Pradeau, I am sending you another lot of Mex. coins and you can see for your self if there are any one worth while to illustrate.

I am enclosing a rubbing that I received from Bill in San Francisco some time ago, he told me he was going to send this coin to Pradeau that he may use it for illustrating this paper. I wonder if you have a photograph of the coin? I think it is a rare coin and worth while to illustrate.

Neylan
Vanalbert is describing a tin coin on page 113. № 7095.

Among coins that I am sending, you will find a C. Imp. 5 franc piece that I want you to see and have your opinion about. I had this coins for many years and every time I look at it, tin seams to be a kind of Mex. flavor covered with it?? There are need of sending one any

stamps for postage. just return the coins when you do not need them anymore

Yours very truly,

Ragnar Lodelund

Jan. 18, 1938

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund,
548 Provident Avenue,
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

Your second packages of coins arrived and I have carefully gone through them. There are several that I will be glad to photograph.

What comments I have had to make or which you have asked for I have put on the envlope. I have already got a nice photograph of Hill's 7-3/4 piece of Zacatecas.

The counterstamped five franc piece is new to me. It also puzzles me. I think it has some official reason for being, but what, I am at an absolute loss. I really do not think it is Mexican.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

January 25, 1937

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund,
548 Provident Ave.
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

I am sorry to inform you that Mr. Robertson passed away suddenly at his apartment on Friday January 22nd. His going was not entirely unexpected. His health has been failing for some time and we here realized that he he probably would not live through the winter.

I am sending an obituary notice to the Numismatist.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

March 3, 1937

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund,
548 Provident Ave.,
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

After a long delay I am returning, under separate cover, the coins you sent to be photographed for Dr. Pradeau's article. I have been holding these until I had the work all finished, in case I should want to refer to the coins for any esppcial matter.

Thank you for sending these on.

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March 8-37

M. Howland Wood.
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:—

Received the insured package today, with enclosed 18 of my coins, but you still have eleven more of my coins as follows.

One. cast 8 Reales. c. stmp MVA 1812 ✓

Three. diff. Chilpancingo 1 Reales.

One. Cast 8 R. PROV. OAXACA. obv. a large cross. Rev. lion on a shield. c. stmp Z ✓

One. 8. R. Sombrerete. with 5 c. stmp. ✓

Two. small. Sombrerete. ½ R. ✓ ✓

One cast and overstruck 8. R. c. stmp T- IOI ✓

One 2 Real c. stmp LCM ✓ ✓

One French 5 Franc piece C. Stmp 8 1 20 ✓

Ret 14 Feb

Yours very truly,
R. Cederlund.

March 11, 1937

Mr. Ragnar L. Cederlund,
548 Provident Avenue,
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cederlund:

Your letter just at hand and I am full of apologies and covered with embarrassment.

You may remember your coins came in two different lots. I put in one lot all I wished to photograph and put back in the other box all the rest. When I sent those I had photographed, I had absolutely forgotten the other package. As a matter of fact, Robertson was looking after these.

I am herewith sending you parcel post insured the 14 pieces. You see I am making the count more than you.

Again apologizing, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

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